(c) and (d) Complaints received from Indian citizens coming from Gulf Countries at Trivandrum Airport have generally been found to be more in the nature of protest against levy of higher duty or against denial of Transfer of Residence concession rather than of harassment. To avoid hardship and harassment of passengers, Customs staff posted at airports have been instructed to clear the passengers on the basis of their declaration. Examination of baggages is resorted to only in cases of suspicion and such examination is carried out under the supervision of senior officers.

Closed textile mills

375. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of closed textile mills in India at present and the number thereof in Gujarat and the number of workers rendered unemployed as a result thereof;

(b) whether the proposal for nationalisation of twelve closed mills in Ahmedabad has been finalised; and

(c) what are the names of the other States which are managing nationalised textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) As on 30-9-85, 81 Cotton Textile Mills in the country including 21 units in Gujarat were closed. Total number of employees on roll in these 21 mills in Gujarat is about 33,000.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In addition to the Government of Gujarat, Government of Maharashtra, Kerala and Orissa are managing Cotton Textile Mills which were nationalised by them.

Indian labourers in Gulf countries

376. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many labourers are working in Gulf countries whose records are kept by his Ministry; and

(b) whether there is any check on the contractors supplying labourers to foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) As per information available approximately 9 lakh workers are employed in Gulf countries. Their records are however not kept by this Ministry.

(b) With regard to contractors supplying labourers to foreign countries there are checks and safeguards which are embodied in the Emigration Act, 1983 and the Rules framed thereunder.

377. *[Transferred to the 29th November, 1985].*

Suspension dismissal of Income Tax officers

378. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Income Tax officers have been suspended for neglect of duty and also dismissed/superannuated for bad antecedents during the last one year; and

(b) whether the Ministry was satisfied about the action taken against them after due inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 14 Income-tax Officers and 3 Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax have been suspended by the department during the year 1985. 5 Income-tax Officers were either dismissed or compulsorily retired